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Sir:

Please amend the application as followed:

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COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing fees, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add the following claims:

- 21.(New) A replaceable workpiece shielding apparatus for replaceably preventing processing on the engaged portion of the workpiece comprising:
 - a) a workpiece support for supporting the workpiece; and
 - b) a replaceable shield of comparable weight as the workpiece for allowing replacement of the shield in the same way as the replacement of the workpiece, the shield engaging a portion of the